

compromises necessary to decide where to eat, when to stop, when to sleep, and how to get there?

Imperfectly, yet satisfactorily, we were able to do that, ultimately get here on time.

We both thought as we finished votes this evening—because we got here in time to cast those votes and went back to our office to thank our staffs. As we were doing that, we thought that we owe it to each other, to our colleagues with whom we work, all 435 of us, to say that both of us want to do everything we can to build on this experience, to share it with you, to thank those from the constituencies that we represent and from across the United States who shared that journey with us, who ensured that we had our seatbelts on, that my eyes were on the road, that we were able to get some sleep in Nashville.

I want to thank everyone who had a part in this, and I just want to thank this Chamber and those who sent me here for this very high honor of being able to serve. It was really an amazing experience, and I am going to use it to the best of my ability to serve my constituents to the best of my ability, and make common cause with as many of my colleagues that are here in this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, I yield again to my friend from Texas.

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I want to just thank a couple more people. I would like to thank my girlfriend, Lynlie Wallace, for being supportive of many of my shenanigans. She supports me in these efforts, and I am grateful for that.

I would like to thank Tyler Lowe, Jon Arnold, and my district staff. If it wasn't for them, we never would have kicked off at 0700 from Mi Tierra Restaurant. They got us on the right path. So it truly has been a good time.

I think the gentleman from Texas and I are ready for some shuteye. I do not know how many times a Special Order has been done between a Republican and a Democrat. We will have to ask the Parliamentarian after this, but hopefully this is the first of many.

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I want to again thank my friend from Texas for joining me tonight on the floor of the House for his words, and for taking the chance in driving across much of the country with me to get here and making sure that we could fulfill our responsibilities; and not just the immediate responsibility of getting here in time to vote, which we were able to do, but our responsibility to find a way to work with each other across party lines and address the important issues before this country that are going to be critical for this country's future success and the well-being of those that we represent.

Mr. Speaker, I don't think it is any accident that the Speaker pro tempore tonight is also from Texas. I think this is a good moment for our State. I think this is a good moment for this Con-

gress. I think this is a chance to strengthen the institution, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve here.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MARINO (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of inclement weather.

Mr. PAYNE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of medical condition.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today through March 24 on account of death in the family.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 1309. A bill to streamline the office and term of the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-37). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HARPER: Committee on House Administration. House Resolution 173. Resolution providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress (Rept. 115-38). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BUCK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 198. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1259) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1367) to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1181) to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes (Rept. 115-39). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TIPTON (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. COLE, Mr. CÁRDENAS,

and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico):

H.R. 1528. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SANFORD (for himself and Mr. MEADOWS):

H.R. 1529. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from using extraordinary measures to prevent the Government from reaching the statutory debt limit, or using extraordinary measures once such limit has been reached, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. WALKER, Mr. ROYCE of California, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. BABIN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. POLIS, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ROSS, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. HURD, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. JORDAN):

H.R. 1530. A bill to amend securities, commodities, and banking laws to make the information reported to financial regulatory agencies electronically searchable, to enable RegTech applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. POCAN):

H.R. 1531. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the use of funds in the Hazardous Substance Superfund for the purposes for which they were collected, to ensure adequate resources for the cleanup of hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BYRNE (for himself, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama):

H.R. 1532. A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 1533. A bill to provide for further comprehensive research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke on unruptured intracranial aneurysms; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 1534. A bill to establish a program that provides dislocated workers with a subsidy or coupon that may be applied towards obtaining broadband Internet access service,